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SUBJ: REACTION TO USMC AIRCRAFT REDEPLOYMENT (U)

1. (U) SUMMARY: REACTION TO ARRIVAL OF USMC F-4 AIRCRAFT FROM THAILAND HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY STRONG. THE PRESS AND LEFTISTS APPEAR INTENT ON MAKING THIS A MAJOR ISSUE. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED TWO PROTEST GROUPS AND EXPECTS OTHERS. END SUMMARY.

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2. (U) THE LOCAL REACTION TO THE F-4 REDEPLOYMENT TO OKINAWA HAS BEEN STRONGER THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTD. UNTIL PUSHED OFF THE FRONT PAGE BY THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE KIM KIDNAPPING CASE, THE STORY DOMINATED THE FRONT PAGES FOR ONE WEEK, WITH DETAILED REPORTS OF THE PLANES COMINGS AND GOINGS AND OF THE VARIOUS REFORMIST CAMP MEETINGS AND STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE DEPLOYMENT. THE THRUST HAS BEEN TO CHARACTERIZE THE MOVE AS A STRENGTHENING OF
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THE U.S. BASES IN THE AFTERMATH OF VIETNAM AND TO SPECULATE THAT IT

WILL DELAY RETURN OF NAHA AIRPORT BEYOND THE START OF EXPO. OFF-SETTING THIS TO SOME EXTENT HAS BEEN GENERALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORTING FROM TOKYO OF THE HELPFUL REMARKS OF VARIOUS GOJ OFFICIALS. 3. (BEGIN LOU.) THE REFORMISTS APPARENTLY HOPE TO MAKE THIS A MAJOR ISSUE (IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT DEPLOYMENTS OF USMC SQUADRONS TO NAHA HAVE LONG BEEN ROUTINE). FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW THE ISSUE PROBABLY HAS CONSIDERABLE APPEAL. THEY HAVE HAD LITTLE LUCK RECENTLY

IN STIRRING UP INTEREST IN OTHER U.S. FORCES ACTIVITIES SUCH AS USMC ARTILLERY TRAINING OR SR 71 OPERATIONS WHICH, RESPECTIVELY, TAKE PLACE IN REMOTE AREAS OR INVOLVE ONLY FLEETING GLANCES AT EXOTIC AIRCRAFT. THE USMC OPERATIONS AT NAHA WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH A HIGHLY VISIBLE AND NOISY TARGET WHICH, ALTHOUGH IGNORED IN THE PAST,

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THEY WILL PROBABLY EXPLOIT TO THE FULLEST IN THE FUTURE WITH A GUARANTEED AUDIENCE OF TOURIST ARRIVALS FROM MAINLAND JAPAN. END LOU.

4. (U) DELEGATIONS FROM FUKKIKYO (THE REVERSION COUNCIL) AND THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY CALLED AT THE CONSULATE

GENERAL SEPTEMBER 5TH TO PROTEST THE USMC DEPLOYMENT. WE TOOK THE POSITION WITH THEM THAT THE DEPLOYMENT WAS CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY TREATY ARRANGEMENTS, THAT IT WAS PART OF A LONG STANDING

AND ROUTINE PATTERN OF USMC TRAINING AT NAHA, AND THAT IS WOULD NOT AFFECT PLANS FOR RETURN OF NAHA AIRPORT. THE PRESS CHARACTERIZED OUR REPLY TO THEM AS "HIGH POSTURE".

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